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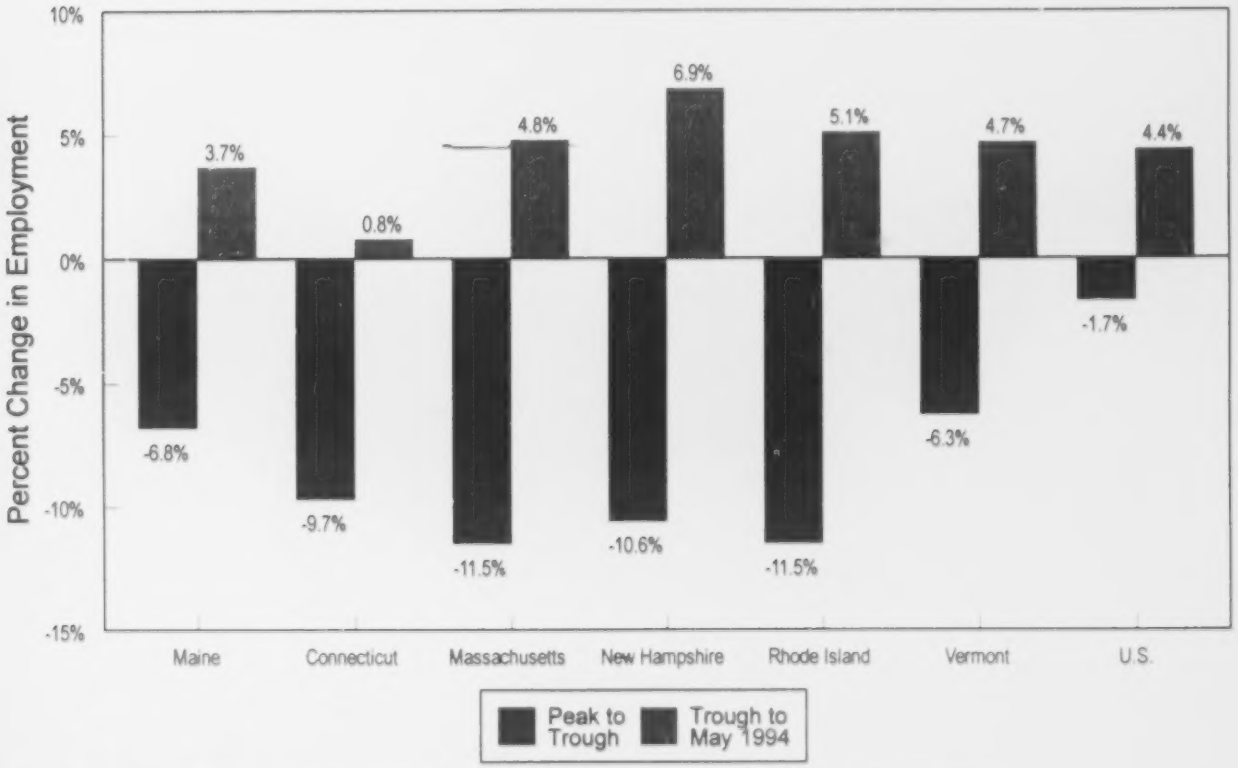
Percent Change in Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment New England States and U.S.

(Seasonally Adjusted)



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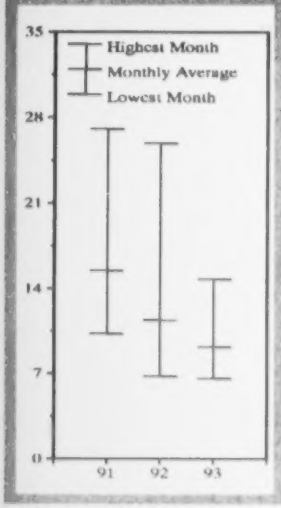
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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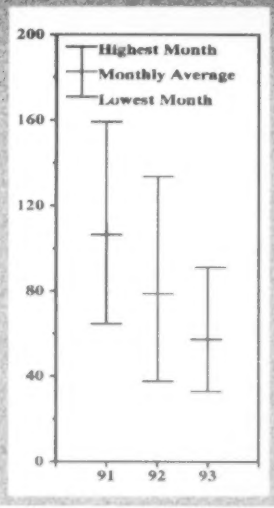
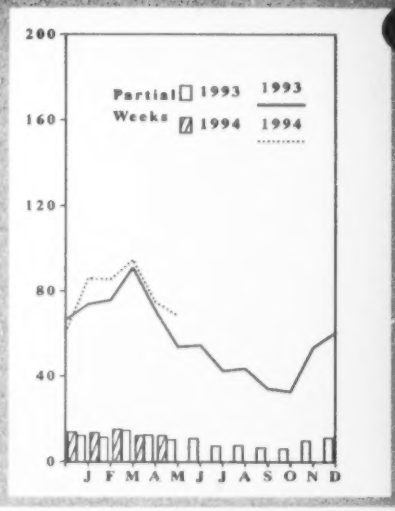




Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment
New England States and the U.S.
(in thousands)

State	Peak*	Trough*	May 1994	Change	
				Peak to Trough	Trough to May 1994
Connecticut (Feb. 1989)	1,686.0	1,522.0	1,534.8	-164.0	12.8
Massachusetts (Dec. 1988)	3,149.1	2,786.0	2,920.7	-363.1	134.7
Maine (June 1989)	545.2	508.1	526.9	-37.1	18.8
New Hampshire (Jan. 1989)	535.7	478.8	511.9	-56.9	33.1
Rhode Island (June 1989)	467.1	413.3	434.5	-53.8	21.2
Vermont (June 1989)	263.7	247.2	258.7	-16.5	11.5
United States (June 1990)	109,911.0	108,067.0	112,847.0	-1,844.0	4,780.0

*Peak is the highest monthly employment level reached prior to the national recession of July 1990 - March 1991. Trough is the lowest monthly employment level reached after the peak.

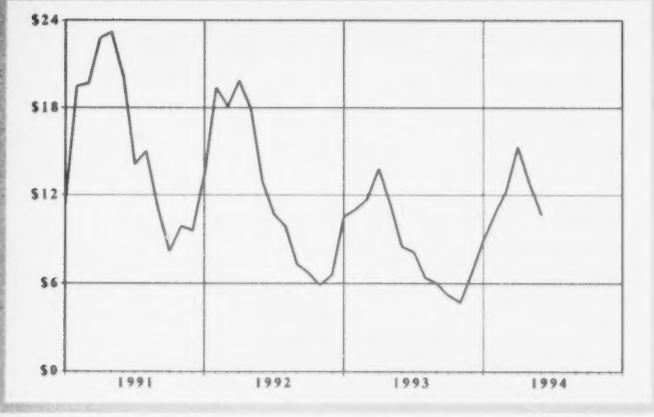
Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Selected Employment Security Activities

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1991	1992	1993
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$477.46	$480.62	$471.77	40.6	40.8	40.6	$11.76	$11.78	$11.62	$11.08	$11.38	$11.63
Durable Goods	465.20	470.34	456.52	40.0	40.2	40.4	11.63	11.70	11.30	10.61	11.14	11.43
Lumber and Wood Products	386.26	381.97	374.88	41.4	41.7	41.7	9.33	9.16	8.99	8.97	9.25	9.33
Primary and Fabricated Metals	445.11	443.69	474.12	40.1	39.9	43.9	11.10	11.12	10.80	10.18	10.45	11.00
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	625.29	638.91	541.20	44.6	45.8	41.0	14.02	13.95	13.20	12.43	12.82	13.32
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	401.32	400.72	406.64	38.7	38.2	39.1	10.37	10.49	10.40	9.91	10.02	10.33
Transportation Equipment	552.96	574.53	558.83	37.9	38.2	38.7	14.59	15.04	14.44	12.55	14.09	14.64
Other Durable Goods	384.56	364.51	364.27	40.1	40.1	40.7	9.59	9.09	8.95	8.57	8.86	8.89
Nondurable Goods	486.26	488.99	483.89	41.0	41.3	40.8	11.86	11.84	11.86	11.48	11.57	11.79
Food and Kindred Products	348.23	335.74	353.44	35.9	34.4	37.6	9.70	9.76	9.40	8.76	9.15	9.34
Textile Mill Products	424.84	417.31	402.57	44.3	47.1	42.6	9.59	8.86	9.45	8.82	9.03	9.49
Apparel and Other Textile Products	287.07	288.56	285.68	36.2	36.9	35.8	7.93	7.82	7.98	7.28	7.65	7.95
Paper and Allied Products	743.16	752.58	745.71	44.0	44.4	44.6	16.89	16.95	16.72	16.06	16.25	16.63
Leather and Leather Products	318.72	316.61	305.63	39.3	38.8	38.3	8.11	8.16	7.98	7.82	7.92	8.00
Other Nondurable Goods	424.68	429.45	407.40	40.6	40.4	39.4	10.46	10.63	10.34	9.85	10.07	10.28
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	430.00	418.70	412.80	38.6	39.5	38.4	11.14	10.60	10.75	10.45	10.55	10.68
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	388.85	398.90	388.68	39.8	42.8	39.3	9.77	9.32	9.89	9.33	9.53	9.82

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	298.4	288.5	290.0
Unemployment	17.1	18.4	23.5
(Percent)	5.7%	6.4%	8.1%
Resident Employed	281.3	270.1	266.5

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

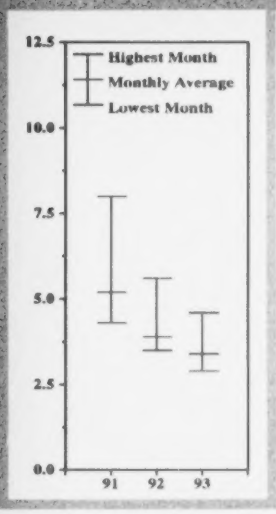
U.S. Consumer Price Index

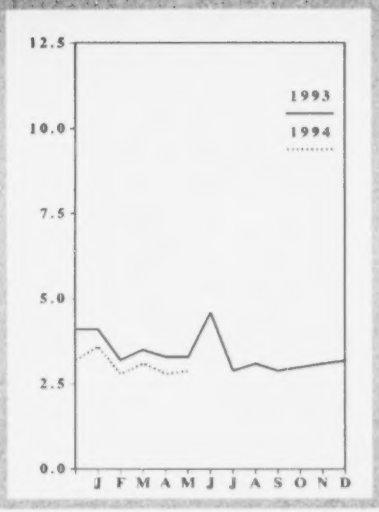
BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	147.5	147.4	144.2	144.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.1%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.1%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.3%

New Applications For Work

In Thousands

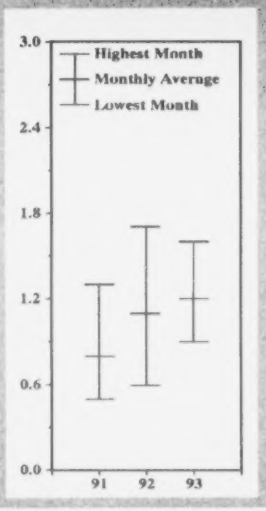


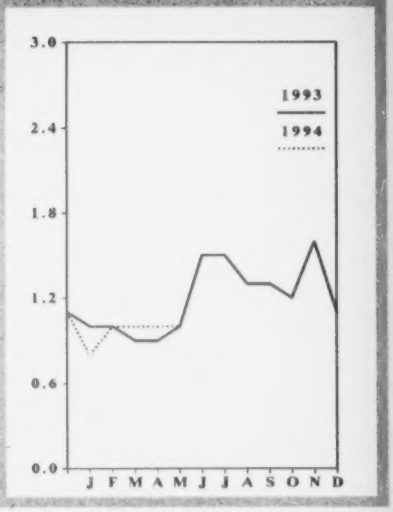


Nonfarm Placements

In Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)





Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (In Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE THIS MONTH	STATEWIDE LAST MONTH	STATEWIDE YEAR AGO	PORTLAND MSA THIS MONTH	PORTLAND MSA LAST MONTH	PORTLAND MSA YEAR AGO	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA THIS MONTH	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA LAST MONTH	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	525.3	513.9	519.8	125.6	123.5	124.7	40.0	39.5	39.6
Goods Producing	113.8	110.3	111.7	18.9	18.5	19.0	10.1	9.7	10.0
Construction and Mining	22.3	19.6	21.6	5.4	5.1	5.6	1.6	1.4	1.6
Building Construction	5.5	4.7	5.4	1.2	1.2	1.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	12.4	11.4	11.9	3.7	3.4	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	91.5	90.7	90.1	13.5	13.4	13.4	8.5	8.3	8.4
Durable Goods	40.4	40.3	39.3	6.1	6.0	5.8	2.1	2.1	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	9.9	10.0	9.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.4	3.4	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.2	4.1	3.7	1.4	1.3	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.	6.9	6.9	6.7	2.0	1.9	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	12.2	12.3	12.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	3.8	3.6	3.9	2.7	2.8	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	51.1	50.4	50.8	7.4	7.4	7.6	6.4	6.2	6.1
Food and Kindred Products	6.4	6.2	6.4	1.8	1.8	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.8	5.9	5.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	15.7	15.6	16.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.4	5.4	1.7	1.7	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.0	3.0	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products	10.3	10.1	9.9	1.3	1.3	1.2	2.1	2.0	1.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.4	8.3	8.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.6	1.4	1.5	2.6	2.6	2.8	4.3	4.2	4.3
Service Producing	411.5	403.6	408.1	106.7	105.0	105.7	29.9	29.8	29.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.0	20.6	21.9	5.9	5.7	6.0	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	23.3	23.1	23.2	8.6	8.7	8.6	1.9	1.9	1.9
Retail Trade	107.8	103.5	105.7	28.1	26.6	27.3	8.2	8.2	8.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.4	11.3	11.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores	17.8	17.6	18.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	35.4	32.1	34.2	9.0	8.3	8.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	26.1	25.8	25.6	12.1	12.1	12.1	2.0	2.0	1.9
Banking	8.9	8.8	8.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	11.7	11.7	11.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	137.1	134.6	133.9	34.6	34.5	35.1	11.6	11.5	11.6
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	9.8	8.2	9.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	14.2	14.2	13.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	49.6	49.5	49.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	14.7	14.8	15.9	2.1	2.0	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	26.8	27.4	26.5	4.9	5.0	4.5	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local Government	54.7	53.8	55.4	10.4	10.4	10.2	3.8	3.8	3.7
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Area 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	618.3	614.9	635.2	578.1	569.3	584.6	40.2	45.6	50.5	6.5	7.4	8.0
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	49,100	49,500	48,600	46,800	46,900	45,600	2,400	2,700	2,900	4.8	5.4	6.0
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	49,400	50,100	50,500	46,100	46,400	46,100	3,300	3,700	4,400	6.7	7.4	8.8
Portland MSA	118,000	118,000	121,100	112,900	112,200	113,900	5,100	5,800	7,100	4.3	4.9	5.9
Portsmouth-Rochester MSA	n/a	n/a	120,500	n/a	n/a	114,300	n/a	n/a	6,200	n/a	n/a	5.2
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	43,000	42,880	45,370	40,560	40,150	42,020	2,440	2,730	3,350	5.7	6.4	7.4
Bath-Brunswick	33,590	33,710	34,830	32,140	31,850	32,710	1,450	1,860	2,110	4.3	5.5	6.1
Belfast	11,680	11,640	11,980	10,810	10,550	10,840	860	1,090	1,140	7.4	9.4	9.5
Biddeford	34,110	32,210	35,800	32,420	30,150	33,340	1,690	2,060	2,460	5.0	6.4	6.9
Boothbay Harbor	8,110	7,580	8,250	7,760	7,110	7,790	360	470	460	4.4	6.2	5.5
Bucksport	4,970	4,920	5,200	4,660	4,540	4,810	310	380	390	6.2	7.7	7.5
Calais	5,260	5,190	5,550	4,550	4,370	4,670	720	820	870	13.6	15.8	15.7
Dexter-Pittsfield	13,010	12,910	13,060	11,760	11,570	11,660	1,250	1,340	1,400	9.6	10.4	10.7
Dover-Foxcroft	6,950	6,880	7,290	6,370	6,240	6,530	580	640	760	8.3	9.3	10.5
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	17,040	16,070	17,520	15,790	14,290	16,020	1,250	1,780	1,490	7.3	11.1	8.5
Farmington	17,510	17,860	18,260	15,970	16,320	16,570	1,550	1,540	1,690	8.8	8.6	9.3
Fort Kent	3,560	3,550	3,690	2,890	2,920	3,020	670	620	670	18.8	17.6	18.2
Greenville	1,080	970	1,060	940	820	930	140	150	130	12.9	15.1	11.9
Houlton	6,500	6,360	6,580	5,900	5,750	5,970	600	610	610	9.3	9.6	9.3
Jonesport-Milbridge	3,660	3,680	3,720	3,280	3,200	3,200	380	480	530	10.3	13.1	14.2
Kittery-York	18,810	19,120	19,260	18,280	18,440	18,530	530	690	740	2.8	3.6	3.8
Lincoln-Howland	5,620	5,580	5,660	4,980	4,940	5,070	640	630	590	11.4	11.4	10.4
Machias-Eastport	6,740	6,730	6,910	6,010	5,890	6,070	720	840	850	10.7	12.5	12.2
Madawaska	4,190	4,090	4,170	3,840	3,670	3,830	350	420	340	8.3	10.3	8.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,650	5,630	5,790	5,000	4,990	5,260	650	650	530	11.6	11.5	9.1
Norway-Paris	9,920	9,930	10,530	8,950	8,850	9,410	960	1,080	1,120	9.7	10.9	10.6
Outer Bangor	7,280	6,960	7,100	6,620	6,240	6,430	650	720	670	9.0	10.3	9.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,010	1,950	1,870	1,740	1,710	1,630	270	250	250	13.5	12.7	13.1
Presque Isle-Caribou	20,730	20,930	22,070	18,370	18,370	19,530	2,360	2,560	2,550	11.4	12.2	11.5
Rockland	20,860	20,250	21,510	19,950	19,070	19,830	910	1,180	1,670	4.4	5.8	7.8
Rumford	10,120	10,660	10,070	9,060	9,520	8,960	1,060	1,140	1,110	10.4	10.7	11.1
Sanford	21,040	21,360	21,010	19,770	19,850	19,190	1,270	1,510	1,820	6.0	7.1	8.6
Sebago Lakes Region	11,920	11,630	12,690	11,160	10,720	11,700	760	910	980	6.4	7.8	7.7
Skowhegan	15,900	15,480	16,180	14,260	13,810	14,390	1,640	1,670	1,780	10.3	10.8	11.0
Stonington	5,170	4,970	5,330	4,940	4,660	4,990	230	310	340	4.4	6.1	6.4
Van Buren	1,500	1,510	1,550	1,320	1,310	1,320	180	200	230	12.0	13.0	14.9
Waterville	24,250	24,140	25,190	22,260	22,070	22,810	1,990	2,070	2,380	8.2	8.6	9.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	1,797.4	n/a	n/a	1,683.1	n/a	n/a	114.3	n/a	n/a	6.4
Massachusetts	3,155.0	3,097.0	3,148.0	2,972.0	2,916.0	2,942.0	183.0	181.0	206.0	5.8	5.8	6.6
New Hampshire	n/a	n/a	615.5	n/a	n/a	577.3	n/a	n/a	38.2	n/a	n/a	6.2
Rhode Island	n/a	n/a	509.2	n/a	n/a	470.5	n/a	n/a	38.7	n/a	n/a	7.6
Vermont	n/a	n/a	314.1	n/a	n/a	297.7	n/a	n/a	16.4	n/a	n/a	5.2
UNITED STATES (000)	130,602	129,682	127,807	122,946	121,604	119,201	7,656	8,078	8,606	5.9	6.2	6.7

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	13,630	17,075	11,607	1,869	2,232	1,875	1,184	1,427	1,040

• Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

ITEM	1993								1994				
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Civilian Labor Force 1/	632.8	631.4	628.1	629.4	627.8	627.6	626.5	624.4	628.0	632.5	625.1	619.6	615.9
Resident Employment	582.9	580.4	578.0	577.1	575.2	575.9	575.1	574.7	568.6	585.5	582.2	579.8	576.4
Unemployment	49.9	51.0	50.1	52.3	52.6	51.6	51.4	49.7	59.4	43.0	42.9	39.8	39.6
Percent of Labor Force	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.0	9.5	7.4	6.9	6.4	6.4
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	519.6	518.9	519.1	520.3	519.8	521.9	522.2	521.6	517.7	520.9	520.8	524.0	527.0
Construction	21.0	20.4	20.8	20.5	20.4	21.1	21.4	21.7	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5	22.1
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	40.4	40.3	40.3	40.2	40.3	40.5	40.8	40.8	40.6	41.5	41.5	41.5	41.4
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.8	50.6	50.7	50.9	50.6	51.1	51.0	51.0	50.6	50.9	51.2	51.0	51.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.1	22.1	22.0	22.1	22.1	21.6	21.8	21.9	21.4	21.5	21.3	20.9	21.1
Wholesale Trade	22.5	23.1	23.2	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.4	23.3	23.5	23.4	23.3	23.3	23.2
Retail Trade	107.0	106.9	107.0	107.3	108.0	107.9	107.5	106.8	106.2	106.2	106.1	108.8	109.6
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.6	25.7	25.7	25.9	25.8	25.9	26.1	26.0	25.9	25.9	26.0	26.1	25.9
Services	134.1	134.6	133.3	134.1	135.2	136.3	136.5	136.7	135.8	136.4	136.6	137.6	138.5
Government	95.2	95.1	95.9	95.9	93.9	94.0	93.6	93.3	92.1	93.4	93.2	93.2	93.8

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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